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PAUL'S NOTE

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Fall pool has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.
- * Save-A-Life classes to include low cost CPR class and pet CPR August 19. The classes cost \$50. To register, call Save-A-Life at 623-8484

I've already gotten questions about how we are going to be picking a new city manager. The process will be facilitated by both the City Clerk's office and the Human Resources Department. However, details about where and when meetings will be held have not been set yet. My colleagues and I will be making the decision on those details when the council next meets in September.

I have been getting questions about parking fines, particularly those Downtown. A fine to keep people from parking too close to fire hydrants, for example, is a safety issue. The trouble is that the fines we have established are some of the highest in the state. That fine for parking close to a fire hydrant is \$188, more than twice what you would pay for the same offense in Phoenix.

The fines can be lower and still be an adequate deterrent, as we have already seen in other communities.

One of my other concerns is

that these fines are high enough that people have an incentive to fight their tickets or try to avoid paying. This is an extra expense on the city. An individual may fight a ticket of \$175 or \$200 whether or not they have a case, whereas the ticket that is \$75 or \$80 would likely just get paid. My question for city staff is, do those higher fines (once again, some of the highest in the state) make up for the extra tax money the city lays out for court time and enforcing payment plans?

I have been pushing for some relaxation of our restrictions on medical marijuana dispensaries for some time now. We have finally done it.

There were a number of restrictions, including how large a grow operation could be and mandating setbacks. I think a great deal of these restrictions come from a misunderstanding of what a medical marijuana dispensary actually is. These are professional operations that sell their product only to people

who are medically authorized to buy it.

I wouldn't have pushed for these changes except for two things. Other communities in the state have fewer restrictions but have not seen problems and these restrictions mean that patients have been going outside of Tucson. That's sales tax revenue that we are losing.

The new restrictions will still keep dispensaries away from schools.

On a lighter note: congratulations go out once again to Sunnyside Little League. They are doing great in the Junior Softball World Series. Many of the girls that are competing are the same ones that won the Little League World Series last year, and I'm proud to say that many of them are former students of mine.

Sunnyside won a game against Mexicali earlier this week, their 3 - 2 margin given by a two-run homer by Lisbeth Lugo.

Thursday afternoon,

PAUL'S NOTE, CONTINUED

Sunnyside beat back an attempt at a rally by Jeff/GRC from Jeffersonville, Indiana. That earned them a place in the semifinals.

Good luck, girls. All of Tucson is behind you.

LONG TERM CARE SEMINAR

A free seminar on long term care insurance will be held at Fellowship Square, Villa II Great Room, 8111 E Broadway Blvd. Topics will include: the need for long-term care (LTC) and its potential impact on your financial security, the most common long-term care myths and facts, how to help protect your assets and an introduction to an innovative new approach to affordable LTC insurance coverage.

Refreshments and desserts will be served!

When: Wednesday, Aug 20th. Two seminars, one at 1:00PM & another at 2:30PM

Who: John L Wilson Sr, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones Investments

RSVP to John at john.wilson@edwardjones.com or call (520) 885-8450

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Tucson/Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program has changed the 2nd Saturday Outreach Collection to a "mobile" event. Every month, the collection event will be in a different neighborhood so that more Tucsonans will have easy access to the program. The 1st Saturday collection at the Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway, will still continue. The collections run from 8 am to noon. For more information, visit www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw or call 888-6947

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off household hazardous waste at the Ward 2 Council Office. We have no way of storing it. Please wait until a scheduled monthly drop off.

1st Saturday: Eastside Service Center, 7575 E Speedway. Enter site by turning north on Prudence.

2nd Saturday: September: Himmel Park 1000 N Tucson Blvd.

HOUGHTON ROAD UPDATE

Broadway Intersection Improvements: Intersection work started November 4, 2013, and was originally anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of July 2014. (Actual contract ends in October, and the contractor is hopeful they can come in early.) The rains and waiting for the sewer approval have held us up, but we are moving forward as fast as we can. We still hope to be substantially complete the first part of August. Final wrap-up is expected in August 2014.

We don't have any additional shifts planned for this next week. We may work on Saturday to catch up for some lost rain time.

Water line work is completed

The new sewer installation is completed, and we finally received approval to bury the line and install the box culverts along Broadway in front of the Safeway shopping center. The boxes have been going in very quickly and the installation is about 90% complete.

Work is ongoing on storm drains and catch basins in areas where traffic is not traveling. We are also securing the site for upcoming monsoons. We have three more catch basins to install.

Landscape irrigation installation stopped for a week and is picking back up next week.

Street light pole foundations and pole installation have started. TEP will have to change out one large transmission pole on the east side north of Broadway; the swing of the line is too close to the street lights. This will happen in October when their relocation window opens back up. We will continue to work in this area.

As you probably noticed, the rains messed up some of our pre-asphalt grading, but we went out and re-graded, and have continued to try to get as much asphalt down as possible.

We are also going to modify some of our stormwater preventative measures, as we are seeing a lot of undesired results from the rains. Bear with us, as we modify things as mother nature shows us what needs attention.

We will be working with TUSD to make sure that when school starts at the end of this month, we have coordinated their bus routes with our construction. If you have any concerns about parent drop-off access, please let me know.

Broadway Intersection Park & Ride: Once the contractor submits their final schedule we can issue the notice to proceed. We anticipate that we are days away from this. Once we reach this point, the contractor will be moving their field office and staging area to its new location at the Houghton and 22nd Street intersection. They are still trying to decide if it will be at the southeast or southwest corner of that intersection. It is estimated that this work will take about four months. It appears that the small building that will be part of the Park & Ride (for bus drivers), has a long lead time for ordering, so that may come in shortly after we complete the Park & Ride.

Broadway Boulevard to 22nd Street: The Broadway to 22nd segment utility relocation is in progress, and full construction is anticipated to start in late July or August. This should be an 18-month construction process.

Team Fischel is relocating for Southwest Gas, and they are about 70% complete.

Tucson Electric Power and TriCon are relocating for TEP. They are 100% complete on their transmission line relocations, 80% complete on the distribution lines, and 20% complete with their underground work.

Kleven is relocating for CenturyLink. They are 100% complete on placing conduit and pulling cable, and 40% complete with splicing. They have added additional splicers for this work to keep it moving forward.

Time Warner was out this week adjusting their lines to make sure they are compatible with the new project.

All barricading for utility relocations has been coordinated with our contractor, Borderland Construction, to keep traffic moving smoothly and with the least amount of confusion possible. We have asked utilities to be diligent with their dust control, and keeping their sites clean.

The artists for this project have been selected. We are waiting for all the final approvals (several months), and once the artists have their notice to proceed, we will schedule a meeting for you to meet them and share ideas. There are numerous possible locations for art throughout this project area.

CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

The Carol West Senior Addition will have a showing of The Vettters documentary, "A Father's Love. A Family's triumph" and a visit with Janis Vetter on Thursday, August 21 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the activity is sponsored by Comforcare. The event is free and sign up early as space is limited.

Seniors will have an opportunity to attend a field trip to Sunrise Senior Living on Wednesday, August 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.00. The event will include the following activities: Peanut Auction, floral arranging, a tour and lunch. Space is limited.

Contact the Carol West Senior Addition, 791-4121 for questions regarding the events listed above.

PARKS PROGRAMS

Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog: The Fall 2014 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published, and is now available. The catalog will have complete information on leisure classes, KIDCO After-school, aquatics, sports programs, registration, and much more. The program guide and class catalog can be found at any of Parks and Recreation facilities, all Wendy's locations in the City, and in many of the local libraries. The program guide can also be viewed on-line at www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec

Fall Classes run August 24, 2014 through November 29, 2014.

Residents and non-city residents may register for all leisure and Adaptive Aquatic classes by using either EZEereg on-line at www.EZEereg.com or by phone at 573-3933. See the program guide for registration information and deadlines. For questions or more information contact Registration Services at 791-4877.

Annual Maintenance: Morris K. Udall Regional Center will be closed through August 16 for annual maintenance.

SAACA and Cox Movies in the Park: The Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance (SAACA) and Cox Communications will host Movies in the Park at Reid Park (900 S. Randolph Way) throughout the summer. The events will include fun and games for the entire family including food vendors, live music, jumping castles, balloon twisters, arts and crafts, non-profit exhibits and more. Free admission and all movies begin at dusk (approximately 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.). Attached is the flyer with additional information or call 797-3959. You may also visit http://www.saaca.org/Cox_Movies_in_the_Park.php

Farmers Market: The Tucson Farmers Market continues at Jesse Owens Park on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The park is located at 400 S. Sarnoff Road, between Broadway and 22nd Street. The market has a variety of fresh produce and organic foods. Come out to the park and shop around for healthy and tasty foods.

Fall Swim Schedule: The Fall schedule has begun. Visit www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/aquatics for pool hours or call 791-4245.

Softball Registration: The Tucson Parks and Recreation Fall 2014 Softball League season begins September 2, 2014. Walk-in registration takes place at the Sports Unit in the Freedom Center, 5000 E. 29th Street. beginning August 4 through August 20. The contact number is 791-4870. Attached is the flyer with full details.

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for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals
and Families in Need**

LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/
Dance Equipment**

CASA MARIA—Plastic bags

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The next Mayor and Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 9. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

